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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: UNASSIGNED
TOMOMI KAKESHITA, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
Application No.: 10/626,745)
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Filed: July 25, 2003)
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For: IMAGE FORMING)
: APPARATUS AND CONTROL)
: METHOD THEREFOR,)
: PROCESS CARTRIDGE AND)
: MEMORY DEVICE) September 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>INVENTOR</u> |
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| 09/650,752 | August 29, 2000 | Yamamoto, et al. |

A copy of the cited applications is enclosed.

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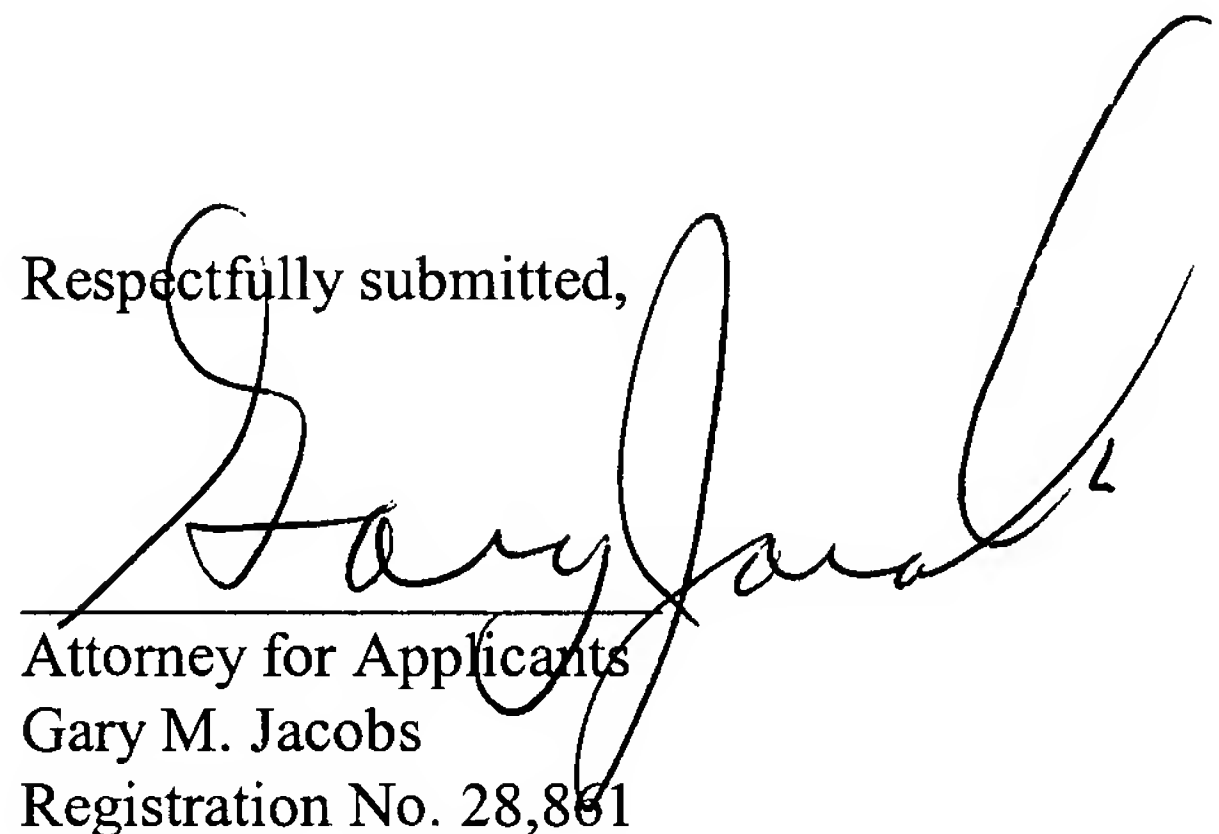
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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